

**CLAIMS**

1. A voice recognition system comprising:
  - 2 an adaptation model containing acoustic pattern information; and
  - 4 an adaptation engine for performing pattern matching of acoustic feature vectors with the acoustic pattern information to identify a selected feature vector modification function.
2. The voice recognition system of claim 1 wherein the adaptation engine is further configured to apply the selected feature vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to produce a set of modified acoustic feature vectors.
3. The voice recognition system of claim 1 further comprising a voice recognition engine for matching the set of modified acoustic feature vectors with an acoustic model.
4. The voice recognition system of claim 1 further comprising a control processor for evaluating the performance of the selected feature vector modification function and adjusting the selected feature vector modification function based on the evaluating.
5. The voice recognition system of claim 1 further comprising a memory for storing at least one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector modification functions, wherein the selected feature vector modification function is a member of the set of feature modification functions.
6. The voice recognition system of claim 5 wherein the memory contains more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a specific speaker.
7. The voice recognition system of claim 5 wherein the memory contains more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector

modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a  
4 different acoustic environment.

8. A voice recognition system comprising:  
2 an adaptation model containing acoustic pattern information; and  
4 an adaptation engine for performing pattern matching of acoustic feature  
6 vectors with the acoustic pattern information to identify a speaker-dependent  
feature vector modification function and apply the speaker-dependent feature  
vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors.

9. A voice recognition system comprising:  
2 an adaptation engine for analyzing acoustic feature vectors to identify a  
4 selected feature vector modification function and applying the selected feature  
6 vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to produce a set of  
8 modified acoustic feature vectors;  
an acoustic model; and  
a voice recognition engine for matching the set of modified acoustic  
feature vectors with the acoustic model.

10. The voice recognition system of claim 9 further comprising an adaptation  
2 model, wherein said adaptation engine performs the analyzing acoustic feature  
4 vectors by matching the acoustic feature vectors with acoustic patterns stored in  
the adaptation model.

11. The voice recognition system of claim 9 further comprising a control  
2 processor for evaluating the performance of the selected feature vector  
4 modification function and adjusting the selected feature vector modification  
function based on the evaluating.

12. The voice recognition system of claim 9 further comprising a memory for  
2 storing at least one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector  
4 modification functions, wherein the selected feature vector modification function  
is a member of the set of feature modification functions.

13. The voice recognition system of claim 12 wherein the memory contains  
2 more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector  
modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a  
4 specific speaker.

14. The voice recognition system of claim 12 wherein the memory contains  
2 more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector  
modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a  
4 different acoustic environment.

15. A remote station apparatus comprising:  
2 an adaptation model containing acoustic pattern information; and  
4 an adaptation engine for performing pattern matching of acoustic feature  
vectors against the acoustic pattern information to identify a selected feature  
vector modification function, and applying the selected feature vector  
6 modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to produce a set of modified  
acoustic feature vectors.

16. The remote station apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a control  
2 processor for evaluating the performance of the selected feature vector  
modification function and adjusting the selected feature vector modification  
4 function based on the evaluating.

17. The remote station apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a memory  
2 for storing at least one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature  
vector modification functions, wherein the selected feature vector modification  
4 function is a member of the set of feature modification functions.

18. The remote station apparatus of claim 17 wherein the memory contains  
2 more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector  
modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a  
4 specific speaker.

19. The remote station apparatus of claim 17 wherein the memory contains  
2 more than one set of parameters corresponding to a set of feature vector  
modification functions, and wherein each set of parameters corresponds to a  
4 different acoustic environment.

20. The remote station apparatus of claim 15 further comprising a  
2 communications interface for communicating the modified acoustic feature  
vectors to a communications center.

21. A voice recognition communication center apparatus comprising:  
2 a communications interface for receiving acoustic feature vectors,  
wherein the acoustic feature vectors have been modified using a feature vector  
4 modification function;  
an acoustic model containing acoustic patterns, wherein the acoustic  
6 model is not trained to a single speaker;  
a voice recognition engine for matching the set of modified acoustic  
8 feature vectors with the acoustic model; and  
a control processor for evaluating the feature modification function based  
10 on the matching.

22. A voice recognition communication center apparatus comprising:  
2 a communications interface for receiving acoustic feature vectors and  
speaker identification information from at least one remote station;  
4 a memory containing speaker-dependent feature vector modification  
function parameters; and  
6 an adaptation engine for performing pattern matching of the acoustic  
feature vectors with an acoustic model, identifying a selected speaker-  
8 dependent feature vector modification function based on the pattern matching  
and the speaker identification information, and applying the selected speaker-  
10 dependent feature vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to  
produce a set of modified acoustic feature vectors.

23. The voice recognition communication center apparatus of claim 22  
2 wherein the adaptation engine further comprises a voice recognition engine for  
4 matching the set of modified acoustic feature vectors with a central acoustic  
model, wherein the central acoustic model is not trained to a single speaker.

24. The voice recognition communication center apparatus of claim 22  
2 further comprising a central acoustic model, wherein the central acoustic model  
4 is not trained to a single speaker, and wherein the adaptation engine is further  
configured to perform pattern matching of the set of modified acoustic feature  
vectors with the central acoustic model.

25. The voice recognition communication center apparatus of claim 22  
2 further comprising a voice recognition engine for matching the set of modified  
4 acoustic feature vectors with a central acoustic model.

26. The voice recognition communication center apparatus of claim 22  
2 further comprising a control processor for evaluating the performance of the  
selected speaker-dependent feature vector modification function and adjusting  
4 the parameters of the selected feature speaker-dependent vector modification  
function in the memory based on the evaluating.

27. A method of performing voice recognition comprising:  
2 extracting acoustic feature vectors;  
4 performing adaptation pattern matching of the acoustic feature vectors  
with an adaptation model;  
6 selecting a feature vector modification function based on the adaptation  
pattern matching;  
8 applying the selected feature vector modification function to the acoustic  
feature vectors to form a set of modified acoustic feature vectors; and  
10 performing voice recognition pattern matching of the set of modified  
acoustic feature vectors with an acoustic model.

28. The method of claim 27 wherein the feature vector modification function  
2 is selected from a speaker-dependent set of feature vector modification  
functions.

29. The method of claim 28 further comprising modifying the speaker-  
2 dependent set of feature vector modification functions based on the adaptation  
pattern matching.

30. The method of claim 28 further comprising modifying the speaker-  
2 dependent set of feature vector modification functions based on the voice  
recognition pattern matching.

31. The method of claim 27 wherein the feature vector modification function  
2 is specific to an acoustic environment.

32. A method of performing voice recognition comprising:  
2 at a remote station, performing adaptation pattern matching of acoustic  
feature vectors with an adaptation model stored in the remote station;  
4 at the remote station, selecting a feature vector modification function  
from feature vector modification function information stored at the remote  
6 station, wherein the selecting a feature vector modification function is based on  
the pattern matching;  
8 at the remote station, applying the selected feature vector modification  
function to the acoustic feature vectors to form a set of modified acoustic feature  
10 vectors; and  
12 sending the modified acoustic feature vectors from the remote station to  
a communications center.

33. The method of claim 32 wherein the feature vector modification function  
2 information is speaker-dependent.

34. The method of claim 32 further comprising modifying the feature vector  
2 modification function information based on the adaptation pattern matching.

35. The method of claim 32 further comprising modifying the feature vector  
2 modification function information at the remote station based on information  
received from the communications center.

36. The method of claim 32 further comprising performing voice recognition  
2 at the remote station, wherein the performing voice recognition comprises  
performing voice recognition pattern matching of the modified acoustic feature  
4 vectors with an acoustic model stored in the remote station.

37. The method of claim 36 further comprising modifying the feature vector  
2 modification function information at the remote station based on the voice  
recognition pattern matching.

38. The method of claim 32 wherein the feature vector modification function  
2 information is environment-dependent.

39. A method of performing voice recognition in a system comprising at least  
2 one remote station and a communications center, the method comprising:  
4 at the remote station, extracting acoustic feature vectors;  
6 sending the acoustic feature vectors from the remote station to the  
communications center;  
8 at the communications center, performing adaptation pattern matching of  
the acoustic feature vectors with an adaptation model stored in the  
communications center;  
10 at the communications center, selecting a feature vector modification  
function from a database stored in the communications center, wherein the  
selecting a feature vector modification function is based on the adaptation  
12 pattern matching;  
14 at the communications center, applying the selected feature vector  
modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to form a set of modified  
acoustic feature vectors; and

16 at the communications center, performing voice recognition pattern  
17 matching of the set of modified acoustic feature vectors with an acoustic model  
18 stored in the communications center.

40. The method of claim 39 further comprising, at the communications  
2 center, selecting a speaker-dependent set of feature vector modification  
functions, wherein the selected feature vector modification function is selected  
4 from the speaker-dependent set of feature vector modification functions.

41. The method of claim 40 further comprising modifying the speaker-  
2 dependent set of feature vector modification functions based on the adaptation  
pattern matching.

42. The method of claim 40 further comprising modifying the speaker-  
2 dependent set of feature vector modification functions based on the voice  
recognition pattern matching.

43. The method of claim 40 further comprising sending, from the remote  
2 station to the communications center, speaker identification information,  
wherein the selecting a speaker-dependent set of feature vector modification  
4 functions is based on the speaker identification information.

44. A method of performing voice recognition in a system comprising at least  
2 one remote station and a communications center, the method comprising:  
4 at the remote station, extracting unmodified acoustic feature vectors;  
6 at the remote station, performing adaptation pattern matching of the  
unmodified acoustic feature vectors with an adaptation model stored in the  
remote station;  
8 at the remote station, selecting a speaker-dependent feature vector  
modification function based on the adaptation pattern matching;  
10 at the remote station, applying the selected speaker-dependent feature  
vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to form a set of  
modified acoustic feature vectors;

12 sending the modified acoustic feature vectors from the remote station to  
the communications center;

14 at the communications center, performing voice recognition pattern  
matching of the set of modified acoustic feature vectors with an acoustic model  
16 stored in the communications center.

45. The method of claim 44 further comprising modifying the selected  
2 speaker-dependent feature vector modification function based on the adaptation  
pattern matching.

46. The method of claim 44 further comprising:

2 sending the unmodified acoustic feature vectors from the remote station  
to the communications center;

4 at the communications center, analyzing the selected speaker-dependent  
feature vector modification function using the modified acoustic feature vectors  
6 and the unmodified acoustic feature vectors; and  
8 at the remote station, modifying the selected speaker-dependent feature  
vector modification function based on the analyzing.

47. The method of claim 44 further comprising modifying the speaker-  
2 dependent set of feature vector modification functions based on the voice  
recognition pattern matching.

48. A voice recognition system comprising:

2 means for extracting acoustic feature vectors;

4 means for performing adaptation pattern matching of the acoustic feature  
vectors with an adaptation model;

6 means for selecting a feature vector modification function based on the  
adaptation pattern matching;

8 means for applying the selected feature vector modification function to  
the acoustic feature vectors to form a set of modified acoustic feature vectors;  
and

10 means for performing voice recognition pattern matching of the set of modified acoustic feature vectors with an acoustic model.

49. A remote station apparatus comprising:

2 means for performing adaptation pattern matching of acoustic feature vectors with an adaptation model stored in the remote station;

4 means for selecting a feature vector modification function from feature vector modification function information stored at the remote station, wherein

6 the selecting a feature vector modification function is based on the pattern matching;

8 means for applying the selected feature vector modification function to the acoustic feature vectors to form a set of modified acoustic feature vectors;

10 and

12 means for sending the modified acoustic feature vectors to a communications center.